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RESPONSE TO PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

November 1, 2018

Via e-mail: joyce.rulapaugh@live.com Joyce Rulapaugh 45605 Catalina Lane California MD 20619

Re: Public Information Act request

Dear Ms. Rulapaugh:

This office has received your Request for Public Information on October 29, 2018, in which you request certain records under the Maryland Public Information Act, Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article ("GP"), § 4-101 et seq... Specifically, you have requested to inspect and copy records in the custody and control of the St. Mary's County Government pertaining as follows:

1. A copy of all the telephone records showing incoming and outgoing phone calls, which shows the time and date of the calls for the following St. Mary's County Offices: County Commissioners office and all of their staff, the County Administrator, the Deputy County Administrator, and the Executive Administrative Assistant to the County Administrator, and any other staff members in that office, and the County Attorney and his staff; to include all numbers accessible to above described staff and offices including but not limited to cell phones and landlines made available to them by Calvert County; from the time period of October 4, 2014 to present.

In response, St. Mary's County Government does not have any public records that are within your request. St. Mary's County Government has no known method of identifying Calvert County landlines and/or cell phones.

Pursuant to GP §4-206, an official custodian may charge a "reasonable fee" for the search and preparation of records for inspection and copying and for copies. "Reasonable fee" is defined as "a fee bearing a reasonable relationship to the recovery of actual costs incurred by a governmental unit."

Pursuant to GP §4-362, you are entitled to seek judicial review of a decision to deny access. You also have the option to file a complaint with the Public Information Act Compliance Board concerning the amount of the fee charged, see GP § 4-1A-01 et seq., and may also refer any concerns about a decision to deny access to the Public Access Ombudsman pursuant to GP § 4-1B-01 et seq. Also, if you have any questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me.

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